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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143 TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

This Reply is in response to the Action dated March 10, 2005 ("the Action"), in which a restriction requirement was issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. In view of the remarks that follow, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested respectfully.